

**Press Release**  
**Maine State Planning Office**

***Governor Baldacci Signs Proclamation for Maine Recycles Week 2007***

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Maine Recycles Week 2007 begins November 8, 2007, and continues through November 15, 2007. This is the ninth year that Maine has celebrated recycling with a week of promotional activities celebrating recycling. During this week, citizens do their part to raise public awareness about the importance of recycling and promote the purchase of products made from recycled materials. Schools, businesses, municipal offices, and the media also join in and do their part to draw attention to the importance of recycling.

In his proclamation, Governor Baldacci asked each Maine citizen to make a commitment to recycle and to buy goods made from recycled materials. Governor Baldacci signed the official proclamation declaring November 8-15 as Maine Recycles Week and urging "all citizens to participate in their community's recycling efforts."

"Mainers recycle nearly 40% of their waste every year, one of the highest recycling rates in the nation," said Martha Freeman, Director, Maine State Planning Office. "But we can do better. Mainers are frugal, prudent, and caring of our wonderful natural environment. We love this place we call Maine, and recycling is one way to protect it," she said.

Bruce White, Maine Recycles Week Coordinator for the State Planning Office said, "As Mainers go about their business this week, we hope to remind them to incorporate simple recycling habits into their everyday activities. Recycling is one of the easiest things people can do for the environment and the economy."

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